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## PSS tours reconstruction at Hopwood Middle School

Education Commissioner Dr. Lawrence F. Camacho and associate commissioner for Administrative Services Eric Magofna inspected last Friday morning the site of five modular school

buildings for the largest middle school in the Commonwealth, Hopwood Middle School.

These prefabricated school buildings will each have five

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Education Commissioner Dr. Lawrence F. Camacho and associate commissioner for Administrative Services Eric Magofna were accompanied by Roland Cervania, field supervisor of Core Plus, a subcontractor for the ongoing clearing work, in touring the vast site which will be the location of the new modular school buildings at Hopwood Middle School.

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# CHCC up to date on MOU payments

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has made good on its promise to pay off nearly \$60 million in utility arrears pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.. However, CHCC's account remains delinquent as its usage continues to rise and no longer reflects the usage stated on the MOU.

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**KIMBERLY B. ESMORES**  
The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. held a regular board meeting last Thursday where they discussed the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s arrear payments.

## Senate resolution introduced in honor of Julian S. Calvo

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Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) has introduced a Senate commemorative resolution in honor of the late Julian S. Calvo for his countless years of exemplary public service to the CNMI.

Following Calvo's passing last May 14, Manglona introduced a Senate commemorative resolution to acknowledge and honor the

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Calvo

## Castro, Ferdous lead KHS Class of 2024



CHRYSTAL MARINO

Members of the CNMI Board of Education and the Public School System pose with Kagman High School faculty members and Top 10 graduates during Kagman High School's graduation ceremony last Thursday at the American Memorial Park in Garapan.

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CORRESPONDENT

Happy tears, heartfelt wishes, and hurrahs you can only get

from the east side permeated the American Memorial Park in Garapan last Thursday as hundreds of family members and friends gathered to witness 97 Kagman High School Ayuyus turn their tassels and welcome a new chapter in their life.

Despite moments of rain and intense

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Zunica Mae Aldan Castro  
Valedictorian



Soomaitah Saba Ferdous  
Salutatorian

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### LIFE & STYLE

Mike Tyson's fight with Jake Paul has been postponed after the 57-year-old Tyson fell ill on a flight last weekend. Tyson and Paul said Friday that they will announce a new fight date next week.

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Executive Director

# Local

## DeLeon Guerrero: PH House resolution is welcome

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REPORTER

Senate President Edith DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan) says the stride made by the Philippine House of Representatives to be included in the Guam/CNMI Visa Waiver program is welcome.

It's no secret that the CNMI is facing an economic downturn due to the rather slow recovery of its tourism industry.

Fortunately, a new market is a possibility for the Marianas with the Philippine House of Representatives recently passing a resolution to enlist the help of the Department of Foreign Affairs to gain inclusion to the Guam/CNMI visa waiver program.

In an interview with DeLeon Guerrero, she said the resolution passed by the Philippine House of Representatives is welcome.

"Any market that can bring tourists to the Commonwealth should be embraced and welcomed. If countries [like the Philippines] are allowed to travel to the United States to include the CNMI, then why not. I believe there is support from the legislature to include the Philippines in the Guam/CNMI visa waiver program," she said.

Noting that Philippine Airlines used to fly to Saipan, DeLeon Guerrero said the possibility of PAL's return would be good for the Commonwealth.

"Way back in time, we had visitors from the Philippines coming in. If I recall correctly, we even had Philippine Airlines coming into the CNMI but then that stopped. So again, if that's something that could come back and bring tourists from the Philippines, Taiwan, China, Japan, Korea, any other country, then why

not. Tourist money is not identified by their ethnicity, it's by currency and that's what we need," she said.

Last week, the Philippine House of Representatives unanimously voted to pass House Resolution 332 which essentially enlists the Philippines Department of Foreign Affairs to request U.S. President Joseph Biden to include the country in the existing Guam/CNMI visa waiver program.

Philippine House Resolution 332 was first introduced by Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez in 2022.

The Philippine Senate introduced a similar bill back in 2023 but it remains pending.

So far, Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, the Marianas Visitors Authority, and the Hotel Association of the NMI have expressed their support for resolution.

## The Division of Revenue and Taxation welcomes UB Tax Clinic

The Division of Revenue and Taxation is announcing the arrival of the UB Tax Clinic from the University of Baltimore School of Law, which will operate on select days between June 4 and 13. The

Tax Clinic aims to provide assistance to taxpayers and businesses struggling with tax debt in conjunction with the Azarvand Tax Law.

Services include the following:

- Helping taxpayers understand their rights and responsibilities;
- Informational assistance to help taxpayers understand their tax obligations and avoid future issues;
- Discuss possible penalty and interest reductions or forgiveness options; and

- Discuss possible reduction of underlying tax liabilities.

The UB Tax Clinic will be available on Saipan during the following dates and times:

- 10am-4pm (June 4)

- 10am4pm

- (June 6)

- 10am4pm

- (June 11)

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- (June 13)

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## 'RB' grateful with court's decision to dismiss CMS suit

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Saipan Mayor Ramon Blas "RB" Camacho is grateful for Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho's decision to dismiss Construction & Material Supply, Inc.'s civil suit against the Mayor's Office of Saipan.

"I appreciate the court that really reviewed carefully [the case] because all I'm asking for is the public benefit. It's not about being against the system, but we have to really look carefully what's for the people. So, why I'm doing is I'm just getting that coral to repair the road. My concern is the safety of the motorists. I'm not going to wait until something seriously happens that will kill a motorist. So as a mayor I need to fix those roads. It's okay if they charge me, the quarry charges me, [the Department of] Public Lands charges me, if I'm selling the coral. But I'm not. I'm just trying to serve the people. I really appreciate the court for carefully reviewing that, thank you," he said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

Judge Camacho last Wednesday granted mayor Camacho's motion to dismiss a civil complaint brought against the MOS and the Municipality of Saipan by CMS.

CMS had initially sued for over \$36,126.25 in unpaid invoices for quarry products provided to the Mayor's Office of Saipan, claiming that the mayor's office was aware that they had supplied and delivered 100 cubic yards of coral or raw materials, which is above the approved limit set by the Department of Public Lands.

However, in an order issued by judge Camacho last Wednesday, he noted that the Mayor's Office of Saipan is an unchartered municipality, which limits its ability to be sued except in certain situations, such as when it complies with procurement rules and regulations. In this case, the judge ruled that the civil complaint did not meet those criteria.

"One of those situations is when MOS complies with procurement rules and regulations such as vendors or employment contracts... This case is not one of those situations," said judge Camacho.

According to judge Camacho, the only valid contract in question was the Temporary Occupation Agreement between CMS and the Department of Public Land, with the Mayor's Office of Saipan being only an intended beneficiary of the agreement.

He noted that the DPL letter, dated July 11, 2023 "did not go through the procurement process/regulations, so it is not a valid contract for purposes of suing MOS."

CMS had argued that a contract existed between them and the mayor's office through the Saipan municipality, but the judge found that no valid contract complying with procurement regulations existed between the parties.



Camacho

Mayor Camacho had been represented by attorney Michael Evangelista, and Evangelista emphasized the public benefit provision of the quarry operating permit, which exempts CNMI government agencies from paying charges for quarry materials under certain conditions. Evangelista argued that the Saipan mayor and the municipality of Saipan are intended third-party beneficiaries of this provision.

Evangelista said, "Section 11 clearly makes the mayor of Saipan, together with the Saipan municipality and the

people of Saipan, intended third-party beneficiaries of the temporary occupancy agreement which, likewise, indisputably constitutes a contract between plaintiff and DPL."

Evangelista added that the CMS' complaint relies on a letter issued by the secretary of the DPL "purporting to condition and limit Mayor RB's access to quarry materials under the public benefit provision."

Evangelista said the public benefit provision itself reserves no such authority in the DPL secretary.

"The Office of the Mayor of Saipan and the municipality of Saipan are intended third-party beneficiaries of the public benefit provision. The public benefit provision is part of the consideration for the Commonwealth's grant of

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Applications must be submitted to the CNMI WIC Program Administration Office no later than 4:00 pm, June 14, 2024.

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One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-24-026, Customized Sewer Line Inspection & Grouting Truck Acquisition"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 3, 2024** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal, or courier service must be received on or before the due date and time or post-marked before the submission deadline. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

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Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 10, 2024**, to Manny B. Sablan, CUC's Purchasing Administrator, via email [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Rodolfo Rodriguez, Water/Wastewater Division Manager via email [rodolfo.rodriguez@cucgov.org](mailto:rodolfo.rodriguez@cucgov.org) and Marcela Tenorio, Senior Administrative Technician at [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

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## Labor to hold job fair on June 28 at Multi-Purpose Center

The CNMI Department of Labor would like to announce that it will be hosting a job fair at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Cen-

ter on Friday, June 28, 2024, from 9am to 3pm.

The in-person event will feature various employers within the construction, man-

power services, retail, and hospitality industries.

The department's theme for this year's fair, "Your Career Goals, Our Mission!" is a call

to foster economic growth and prosperity in the CNMI. This event aims to bridge the gap between job seekers and employers, providing a platform

for networking, interviews, and potential employment.

Attendees are encouraged to prepare their resumes, dress professionally, and bring their enthusiasm. Recent graduates, experienced professionals, or individuals

seeking a career are all invited to attend the job fair.

Further information about the job fair can be found at <https://labor.cnmi.gov/>. For immediate assistance or inquiries, call (670) 664-3196 or email [info@dol.gov.mp](mailto:info@dol.gov.mp). (PR)

### CALVO

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distinguished life of the former Senate president and to recognize his honorable service to the CNMI and its people.

In a statement from incumbent Senate President Edith DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan), she said the CNMI lost a re-

spectable public servant.

"I grew up seeing Mr. Calvo as a public servant during my Uncle Larry's (DeLeon Guerrero) years as a public servant. We lost another respectable man that served our CNMI well. My utmost humble respect and deepest condolences to the family," she said.

In a statement from House Speaker Edmund

Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), he said Calvo served the CNMI—most especially his island of Rota—well and he deserves the recognition.

"I would like to extend my condolences and sympathy to the family of the late Julian S. Calvo. He has served the CNMI, most especially his

beloved island of Rota, well before and after serving as a senator in the Legislature. He deserves to be honored and recognized. May he rest in

peace," he said.

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

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classrooms and are now ready to be set up at the site where several typhoon-damaged condemned buildings were finally cleared by the contractor responsible for clearing work. The modular structures are funded by the Public School

System's share of the American Rescue Plan Act.

With the assembly of the 20 portable and prefabricated classrooms expected to be completed before the August opening of the new school, Camacho has also said that the formal call for proposers for Hopwood Middle School's reconstruction for new and permanent school buildings

was already issued last Friday, May 31.

PSS RFP 24-028 was published publicly on Friday, formally soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms interested in the "Hopwood Middle School Construction Project."

"We at the Public School System are excited that both projects are now on sched-

ule. As our students move to new, temporary but conducive modular classrooms this coming school year, it's just a matter of time that the full reconstruction of a new Hopwood Middle School campus will commence. This will allow our students to continue to enjoy a safe learning environment," Camacho said. (PSS)

### CASTRO

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summer heat, the audience had prepared bringing their umbrellas for such a moment.

Leading the KHS Class of 2024 was valedictorian Zunica Mae Aldan Castro, and salutatorian Soomaitah Saba Ferdous, with the Board of Education Award going to Castro and the Commissioner's Award to Ferdous.

The Lt. Governor Award went to Issa Atalig Teigita and Oceana Atalig Teigita; and the

Mayor's Award went to Filomenaleonisa Tapua'ialupe Iakopo. The Principal's Award went to Zared David Camacho Nekaifes and John Joseph Rios Mensah, and the recipients of the Ayuyu Spirit Award were Alfred Gonzales Jr. II and Reed Tokyo Camacho Jr.

The Top 10 are Castro, Ferdous, Angelia Li Pua, Vianika Jovissa Sablan Reyes, Shaunalyn Joan Saruyda Babauta, Darnell Lisua Decena, Akiya Cervantes Baetiong, Issa Atalig Leiwisor Teigita, Oceana Iltiwyong Atalig Teigita, and Filomenaleonisa

Tapua'ialupe Iakopo.

Castro was also the recipient of several other awards including the Outstanding Female Award from the CNMI Women's Affairs Office and the Governor's Outstanding Student Award.

During her valedictory speech, Castro shared that the moment brought so many emotions.

"I find it so crazy and I'm a little bit starstruck that I've watched many graduates before me on this very stage. And now, it's finally our turn. If there's anything that I've learned

throughout these past four years, it's that sometimes life just isn't life-ing, right? I'm not going to lie, it's hard, right? Oh, my goodness. But, it is at this very moment and these times that we must turn to those who have stood beside us through every step of the way and recognize them for all that they have done," said Castro as she began expressing her gratitude to her family, her partner, friends, and school faculty and classmates.

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

### MOU

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Last Thursday, during her presentation before the CUC board, acting executive director Betty Terlaje shared that CHCC has been up to date with their MOU payments of \$525,000 a month.

However, she shared that CHCC's utility usage has gone up since executing the MOU last May 2023.

"CHCC has made good on their monthly payments pursuant to the MOU they've agreed to. There is one more payment due for the month of April, but they're still within their grace period. The unfortunate thing is that CHCC's usage has gone up and the MOU was only reflective of their average before, at the time that we executed the MOU. So, that resulted in the

receivables increasing from 52 kwh or 53 kwh now it's up to 62 kwh. We will discuss this with CHCC CEO Esther Muña so we can resolve this in a way that works for both our agencies," she said.

Terlaje explained that under the MOU, CHCC agreed to pay \$525,000 for one year. However, with CHCC's usage up by about 10 kwh, CHCC and CUC must meet again to possibly come up with a new MOU to address arrears reflective of the utility usage increase.

"We just discussed it on a board level, and they have reconfirmed that I try to meet with Esther Muña and present to her our options. I will probably send a letter out soon and see when she can accommodate me so I can meet with her and we'll talk about the options and how to move forward and resolve this

matter. That's what I want to do, I don't want to take it further and get messy with it, I would like to see how we could resolve this matter at our level. We hope to have another MOU with them to address the arrears especially now since their usage has gone up. That \$525,000 should change to reflect their current usage, in addition, an amount to address their arrears. There is no new MOU and the old MOU was strictly for one year to allow CHCC to come up with a plan to resolve their arrears. We haven't heard from them, but we are hoping that they will have some resolution to the matter," she said.

Terlaje noted that she is determined to work with agencies like CHCC to resolve arrears as CUC is dependent on these payments.

"Our board has been very

adamant and has made very clear that it's not fair if other entities pay their bills while other agencies are given this long-standing payment plan. Although when the arrears are this high, I feel that we have to work with these agencies to see how we can resolve it and hopefully, moving forward they will pay all their current bills because CUC is very dependent on these payments. Otherwise, we will keep going backwards and we will keep finding ourselves in this situation where we are struggling to keep the power plant going," she said.

In May 2023, CUC and CHCC signed a memorandum of agreement obligating CHCC to pay CUC \$525,000 a month for its utilities.

Back when the MOU was signed, CHCC's utility arrears had reached about \$53.6 million.

### COURT

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quarry privileges to plaintiff, as the permit, or Temporary Occupancy Agreement, is a contract between plaintiff and DPL."

Evangelista said that the TOA clearly states in Section 11 that the only benefit CMS is

entitled to for providing quarry materials to government agencies like the Mayor's Office of Saipan is exemption from paying quarry royalties. He said that therefore, the DPL secretary couldn't change the contract terms to reduce the benefits for mayor Camacho and other government agencies unless allowed by Commonwealth law.

In conclusion, judge Camacho dismissed CMS' claims for breach of contract, stating that no valid contract existed between CMS and the defendants.

"The TOA allows CNMI government agencies such as MOS to receive quarry materials without incurring any

charges when there is prior written consent from DPL," said judge Camacho. "Defendants did receive DPL's consent. Defendants as an intended beneficiary complied with the terms of the TOA, and because the TOA is a valid contract, plaintiff's quantum meruit/unjust enrichment claims fail."



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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**CUC-RFP-24-022**

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified insurance firms to provide workers' compensation insurance and administration for CUC's employees throughout the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and when on official business away from the CNMI.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set.

**One (1) Original and Six (6) Hard Copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-24-022, Workers' Compensation Insurance & Administration"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than June 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from the proposal submitted by competing proposers.


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Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN  
Purchasing Administrator



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**Office of the Executive Director**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**CUC-IFB-24-016**

**Kailing Dr., Sihek Dr., and Tangan-Tangan Dr. Waterline Replacement**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the construction of the Kailing Dr., Sihek Dr., and Tangan-Tangan Dr. Waterline Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of the replacement of the waterline at Sihek Dr. in Capital Hill and Tangan-Tangan Dr. in Papago with the installation of new 6-inch PVC distribution main including appurtenances, valves, fittings, fire hydrants, air relief valves, flush hydrants, pressure-reducing valve, and reconnection and relocation of existing service laterals to the right-of-way. The project also includes the construction of the waterline replacement along Kailing Dr. in Dandan. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

*This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.*

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **May 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-24-016, Kailing Dr., Sihek Dr., and Tangan-Tangan Dr. Waterline Replacement"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 4, 2024**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

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A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

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### EDITORIAL

## Even before guilty verdict, Trump was unfit to serve

The felony conviction of Donald Trump in a Manhattan courtroom Thursday was a momentous event, even if the charges—falsifying business records—are less weighty than others the former president is facing. The prospect of a convicted felon being elected president ought to give pause to voters who haven't been persuaded to reject him despite his manifest unfitness.

Trump was convicted of all 34 counts in the indictment accusing of him of falsifying business records related to payments to his former lawyer Michael Cohen. Prosecutors argued that the payments were reimbursements for money Cohen provided out of his own pocket to adult film star and director Stormy Daniels to keep her quiet about an alleged sexual encounter in 2006 with Trump that if made public could have affected the outcome of the 2016 election.

Ordinarily, falsifying business records is a misdemeanor, but the prosecution contended that it rose to the level of a felony because it was done to conceal another crime such as a violation of federal campaign finance law. That layered argument provoked considerable criticism from actual lawyers and the armchair variety, but the jury seems to have grasped its complexity and concluded that Trump was guilty.

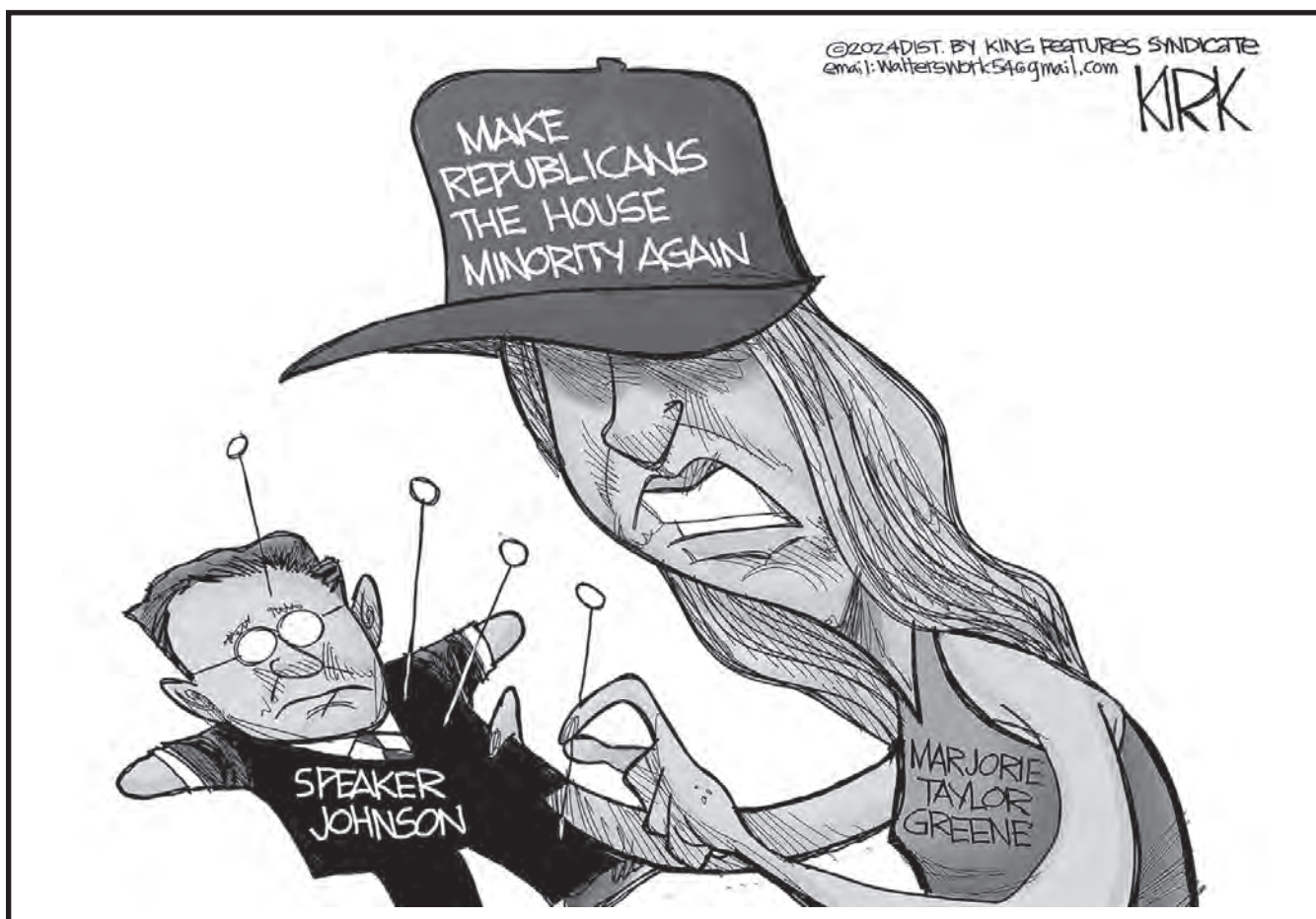
The charges of which Trump has been convicted pale in comparison with the other charges he faces connected with his attempt to overturn the 2020 election and his retention of national defense documents after he left the White House. Lamentably, it seems unlikely that he will face trial on those allegations before the November election. To its discredit, the Supreme Court has contributed to the delay of a trial of Trump on federal charges connected to the 2020 election by dithering on Trump's absurd claim of immunity for "official acts," defined broadly to cover some of his election-related actions.

Trump's unfitness for another term as president does not depend on the outcome of any of these prosecutions. Even if he had been an exemplary chief executive—which he wasn't—he should be disqualified for scheming to overturn the 2020 election, a disgraceful assault on democracy that culminated in the riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Trump's outrageous attempt to subvert the democratic process isn't the only reason to oppose his return to the White House. He also should be rejected by voters because of his authoritarian tendencies, his propensity for falsehoods and his volatile temperament. The latter two-character flaws were evident in his unhinged attacks on the judge in this case and his incredible claim that his prosecution by the state of New York was instigated by the Biden administration. (After the verdict was announced, Trump also asserted that the trial had been "rigged," the same absurd accusation he has continued to make about the 2020 election he lost.)

It shouldn't take a criminal conviction to convince conscientious voters of Trump's epic unfitness. But those who support him must now reckon with the fact that their candidate of choice is a convicted felon.

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## Trump's officially a convicted felon, but that may not stand in his way

**WASHINGTON**—Former President Donald Trump's conviction on 34 criminal counts of falsifying business records in New York is an ignoble first. No former president has ever been tried, much less found guilty, for felonies before.

But Trump's new status as a convicted felon probably won't significantly affect his chances of winning the 2024 presidential election.

That, too is a strange historic first: a presidential candidate convicted of felonies, but suffering little if any political damage in the process.

However sensational the charges, which stemmed from hush money payments made to an adult film actress, many voters will react to the Manhattan jury's decision with a shrug.

The conviction won't prevent him from staying in the race until election day. If he wins, he stands a good chance of avoiding serious penalties while he's in the White House.

It won't be easy to spin a conviction on 34 felony counts as a victory, but there are plenty of ways Trump can mitigate the consequences.

He'll continue to claim that the charges were flimsy and the process was rigged against him.

If he appeals the verdict, as expected, that will allow him to argue—correctly—that a conviction isn't final while it's under challenge. Not incidentally, it will also keep him out of jail, at least for a while.

Why do I say the guilty verdict won't likely put much of a dent in Trump's electoral prospects? Because that's what the smartest political pollsters, Republicans and Democrats, say.

Democratic strategist Mark Mellman said the conviction was "unlikely to play a significant role" in the election. "It's possible that the polls will flutter and then return to where they were. And it's possible that there won't be a flutter."

Republican pollster Whit Ayres said the verdict's impact would most likely be "negligible."

In an ABC News/IPSOS poll last month, only 16% of Trump's current voters said they would "reconsider" supporting him if he were convicted in the New York case. A mere 4% said they would definitely stop supporting him. But voters are often poor predictors of their own reactions, the pollsters said.

Many Democrats told pollsters in 1998 that they thought then-President Clinton should resign if he were impeached for lying about a sexual relationship with a White House intern, Mellman noted. But when the Republican-led House of Representatives actually impeached Clinton, his popularity soared.

Trump voters have proved fiercely loyal to their favored can-

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didate, felon or not.

A month before the 2016 presidential election, when a videotape surfaced in which Trump boasted of kissing women without asking and grabbing them "by the pussy," his poll numbers dropped by only one percentage point and rebounded quickly.

"We have seen, over eight years, a series of events that caused people to say, 'Surely this time, Trump will lose support.' But he never really does," Ayres said.

Trump himself has marveled at the phenomenon. "I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody and wouldn't lose any voters, OK?" he said in 2016. "It's, like, incredible."

The presumptive Republican nominee has primed his supporters to ignore a guilty verdict by relentlessly attacking the cases against him as politically motivated.

"If I were trying to design a court case that would be easy for Republicans to dismiss as a partisan witch hunt, I would design the New York case," Ayres said, noting that Manhattan Dist. Atty. Alvin Bragg is not only a Democrat, but a vocal Trump critic.

Trump has also shown that constant repetition of even bogus claims can bend public opinion his way.

Case in point: his false claims, long since disproved, that the 2020 presidential election was rigged. A year ago, the Monmouth University Poll found that 68% of Republicans said they believed President Joe Biden won the election through fraud. This year, after Trump spent months denouncing the election at campaign rallies, that number has ticked up to 75%.

Despite the verdict in New York, Trump has scored an important victory in all four of his criminal cases: He and his lawyers, aided by a dose of luck, have succeeded in postponing any final reckoning until after election day.

Six months ago, any of the cases could have threatened his presidential campaign: a federal prosecution stemming from his supporters' invasion of the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021; a federal case

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# The CNMI economic quagmire

Over the past several years, the CNMI has suffered through several major crises: the COVID-19 pandemic, the destructive typhoons, the downfall and bankruptcy of the Saipan casino industry, and a paralyzed economy. All these events and crises have adversely affected our people, the CNMI government and the overall economy of the CNMI, particularly the CNMI visitor industry (our only industry now). These adverse events and crises have resulted in a drastic reduction of CNMI government revenue col-

lection, which in turn has adversely affected the delivery of public services. Financial belt-tightening, therefore, is a must under our present economic condition.

Today, the visitor industry is basically on life support, trying its best to weather the disastrous economic storm that it has suffered from all these calamities. Hoping against hope, the visitor industry has been trying its best to return to the state where it was six-to-ten years ago, when the industry was robust and was generating a profit with an 80-90 percent hotel occupancy rate.

As a result of the dismal state of our economy, we recently learned of one of the first major casualties of the CNMI visitor industry: the closure of the venerable Hyatt Regency Saipan, a visitor industry landmark that is as old as the Commonwealth itself. Other major hotels on the island fear and are quite apprehensive that they may also experience the same fate as the Hyatt, hoping against hope (again) that this will not happen. But the only way for our hotels to stay afloat is if, during the next several months, enough visitors to the CNMI start returning and making the visitor industry return to life once again.

When the hotel industry reaches an 80-90% occupancy rate, then and only then could the hotels and the visitor industry begin to breathe a sigh of relief. Hopefully, this will begin to take place by the end of 2024. So, we are all keeping our fingers crossed. But to make this goal a reality, the CNMI government and our business community (particularly the CNMI visitor industry) must join hands and work together cohesively to achieve this objective. A unified approach is necessary; indeed, it is mandatory that we all unite on this issue.

We cannot continue the disagreement between our key business players and the government where the two parties cannot reach a solution regarding how to achieve this very important objective. We need to realize that we cannot afford to continue walking around in circles. We need to have a practical solution that could only be achieved through discussion and compromise. We cannot afford to continue the stalemate between the CNMI government and the business community, where the government chooses one approach, and the business community chooses a completely different approach. For if we do not work together, the CNMI economy will sink.

Today, the CNMI visitor industry is faced with a critical dilemma, namely, whether it should resurrect the Chinese visitor market in order to breathe life into the CNMI visitor industry. The two other sources of visitors to the CNMI have been Korea and to some extent Japan. Although Korea is presently the No. 1 source of visitors to the CNMI, the number of visitors from that country still falls short of the numbers needed by the CNMI visitor industry to revive itself and to at least “break even.” As for visitors from Japan, its economy as we know has not performed well in recent years. The value of the Japanese yen has dipped to a point where not that many Japanese are now traveling on vacation.

Because the CNMI visitor industry’s primary source countries are basically Korea, Japan, and China, the industry wants to first concentrate on promoting the CNMI for visitors from Korea and China, until such time as the Japanese market becomes viable. The reason for this is because these two countries—Korea and China—are presently the most viable markets for our visitor industry. The dilemma that the CNMI visitor industry faces, however, is the announced preferred policy of the CNMI administration to “pivot” away from the Chinese visitors market because of U.S. national security concerns.

There is, of course, no question that America and the CNMI have a valid interest and concern with respect to the Chinese government’s aggressive and at times belligerent military activities in the Asia-Pacific region over the past decade. This fact has resulted in a heightened military alert on the part of the U.S. government with respect to China’s military activities in the Asia-Pacific region.

The people of the CNMI are very much aware of the U.S. security concerns and the tension that comes with the heightened U.S. military posture in response to China’s military activities in the Asia-Pacific region. Such is the reason for the major military buildup going on in Guam, our next-door neighbor. We are also aware of the several proposed and ongoing U.S. military projects on Tinian, such as the divert airfield that has been con-

process would last far beyond the election.

Those delays won’t make the charges go away.

But if Trump wins the election, once he is president he can order the Justice Department to halt the two federal cases. Some career Justice Department officials might refuse to carry out those orders, but a newly inaugurated president will presumably be able to find—or appoint—someone willing to do his bidding.

And under most legal precedent, state courts would put his prosecutions in New York and Georgia on hold while he’s in

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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structed there. All these U.S. military build-ups and projects in our area are being taken as a precaution in the event the U.S.-China military tension escalates. And there is nothing wrong with the U.S. response. Indeed, it should be expected. Hopefully, however, these security events and military projects will not result in any military confrontation between the two countries, because if that happens the CNMI will be right smack in the middle of such a conflict.

Notwithstanding the present military tension in the Asia-Pacific region, however, the matter involving the CNMI visitor industry is not the same thing as the U.S. government’s concerns regarding China’s military activities in the Asia-Pacific region. One does not and should not necessarily negate the other. Indeed, I believe that the U.S. government would be the first to tell the CNMI not to proceed with our plans to revive the Chinese visitor program if the presence of Chinese visitors in the CNMI would compromise U.S. security concerns in our area. But the U.S. military has not said so, as far as I am aware.

Indeed, the U.S. government has provided, through congressional legislation, for the implementation of the EVS-TAP Program with respect to Chinese visitors who wish to visit the CNMI and vacation here. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, I understand, would screen in advance all our incoming visitors from China. This way, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will ensure that no “untoward” persons from China masquerading as good-faith visitors to the CNMI will be allowed entry into the CNMI.

The EVS-TAP pre-entry security screening program should be sufficient to address U.S. security concerns for visitors from China. And if such is the case, then shouldn’t good-faith visitors from China be permitted to vacation in the CNMI? Chinese visitors to the CNMI are not the Chinese military coming to the CNMI, say, to spy on U.S. military projects in the CNMI. Indeed, there is no military facility in Saipan, where almost all our visitors come for vacation anyway.

If I am wrong in my thinking as to the absence of any danger by allowing pre-screened Chinese visitors to come to the CNMI for leisure, I would like to know why I am wrong and I shall stand corrected. But if I am correct in my view that ordinary Chinese visitors are not here to spy or to cause harm to the United States and the CNMI, then clearly the CNMI visitor industry, the hotel association and the chamber of commerce should get together with the CNMI government to discuss and address the return of Chinese visitors to the CNMI. We should realize that all visitors coming to the CNMI, including visitors from China, come here for leisure, to spend their money on local businesses and in the process help to improve our local economy.

Maybe a third party should be made a part of this joint discussion about resuming the return of visitors from China, and that is the U.S. military itself. This way, it can express whatever concerns the U.S. military has over the resumption of Chinese visitors to the CNMI.

But we cannot resolve the present impasse between our business community and the CNMI government unless we join hands to address what appears to be a significant dilemma affecting our visitor industry—our only industry now. It may also be that by encouraging visitors from China to visit the CNMI—a part of the United States, the military tension between China and the United States might hopefully de-escalate to some extent. And this will be, as the saying goes, a “win-win” situation.

Just last week, we heard the good news that China has agreed to renew its lease of Chinese panda bears with the Washington, D.C. Zoo for a new 10-year term. Maybe this gesture of goodwill on the part of the Chinese government could be the beginning of an improved political relationship between the U.S. and China. Another second gesture of goodwill, on our part, would be the return of Chinese visitors to the CNMI. What do you think?

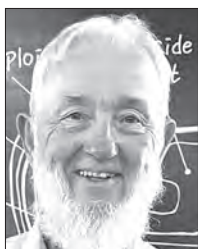
## Some education G.E.M.S.

### LITERARY NOOK

By **JOEY ‘PEPE BATBON’ CONNOLLY**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey aka “Pepe Batbon” Connolly is a retired educator who taught in the CNMI, NOLA, and LVNV. Joey is the Poet Laureate of Tinian, celebrating 40 years in the CNMI.



Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan made the following remarks in his keynote speech to NMC’s 43rd Commencement Exercises last May 17, 2024. “When I ran for that seat and people asked me why, I had a simple answer: Education. Education. Education. In politics you keep your message simple. And it does not get much simpler than simply repeating the same word over and over: Education, Education, Education.”

» **Graduations  
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mudita  
situations**

Mudita (a Sanskrit word) is a dharmic concept of joy, particularly and especially sympathetic or vicarious joy—the pleasure that comes from delighting in other people’s well-being. Perhaps it is the antithesis of jealousy. I have mudita for all the graduates, their learning and lifelong education.

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Are you going off island or are you staying here?  
What’s your future plans? What do you want or need?  
Will you drink in more knowledge or more cold beer?  
Will you be driving fast cars and smoking local weed?  
What’s the most important thing in life? Can you guess?  
My mother always said it was good health and happiness  
We all need food, clothing, and shelter, and lots of love  
It can come from friends and family or heaven above  
No matter where you go, no matter what you gonna do  
Remember love and kindness; To your own self be true.

### HS education YESTERDAY TODAY and TOMORROW

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## TRUMP

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on charges he illegally retained highly classified documents; a Georgia election interference case; and the New York business fraud case.

Trump has contrived to postpone the trials in three of those cases and will likely appeal his verdict in the fourth. The appeals

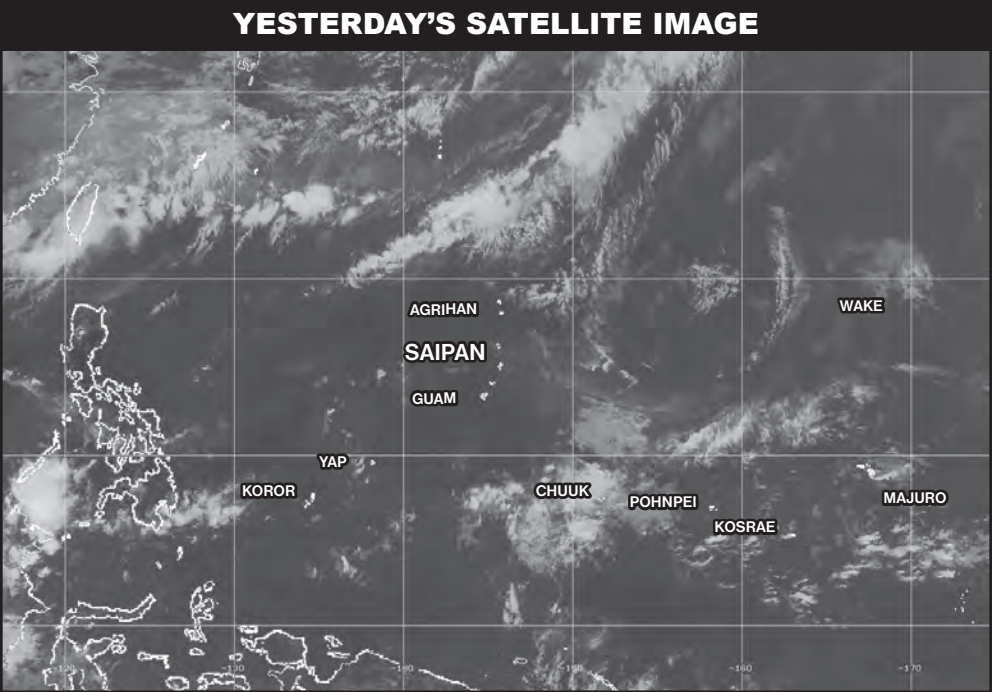
the White House. If he takes office in January and completes a full term, none of the cases would be decided before 2029, when he’ll be 82.

Being the first former president ever convicted on criminal charges is a dubious achievement, to be sure.

Equally unprecedented—and potentially more damaging to democracy—Trump has given future politicians a dangerous example: He has shown that felony convictions need not stand in the way of success.

# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Light to gentle trades prevail, with some showers observed forming right outside the eastern Saipan waters. Most recent altimetry passes indicate seas are 4 to 5 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	85° / 79°	
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	84° / 77°	
Yap	Partly Cloudy	85° / 78°	
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	85° / 80°	
Pohnpei	Mostly Cloudy	87° / 77°	
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	83° / 79°	
DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET	
Today	5:45 AM	6:44 PM	
Tuesday	5:45 AM	6:44 PM	
Wednesday	5:45 AM	6:45 PM	
Thursday	5:45 AM	6:45 PM	
Friday	5:45 AM	6:45 PM	
DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	2:41 AM	3:30 PM	-
Tuesday	3:24 AM	4:29 PM	-
Wednesday	4:11 AM	5:31 PM	-
Thursday	5:03 AM	6:35 PM	-
Friday	5:59 AM	7:37 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	65° / 59°	
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	91° / 64°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	88° / 82°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	83° / 73°	
London	Mostly Sunny	69° / 48°	
Los Angeles	Cloudy	68° / 60°	
Manila	Thunderstorms/Wind	91° / 82°	
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	58° / 41°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	83° / 76°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	75° / 60°	
Osaka	Showers	81° / 70°	
Paris	Sunny	82° / 51°	
Busan	Rain	69° / 66°	
Rome	Light Rain	78° / 60°	
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	82° / 65°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	62° / 52°	
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	83° / 63°	
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	76° / 67°	
Washington, DC	Sunny	79° / 61°	
TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
4:17 AM	High Tide	2.20	
8:43 AM	Low Tide	1.21	
11:24 AM	High Tide	0.27	
5:55 PM	Low Tide	1.84	

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA076	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily	UA174	8:00AM	8:50AM	Daily
SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
UA824	11:50AM	2:25PM	1, 3, 5	UA825	5:30PM	9:55PM	2, 4, 7
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
PR 111	5:55AM	7:55AM	Daily	PR110	10:30PM	4:25AM+1	Daily
UA193	6:50PM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Palau	UA184	10:25PM	4:20AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily	UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
				UA184	11:50PM	5:45AM+1	2, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
7C3403/2305	4:45AM	10:20PM	Daily	UA192/174	10:25PM	8:50AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
UA076/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam	UA184/174	10:25PM	8:50AM +1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA076/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau	UA184/174	11:50PM	8:50AM +1	2, 5 via Guam
				7C2306/3406	11:10PM	3:10PM+1	Daily
SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)				INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	3:15AM	7:00AM	Daily	7C3406	9:30AM	3:10PM	Daily
7C3405	4:10PM	7:45PM	Daily	TW307	8:15PM	1:40AM+1	Daily
7C3403	4:45AM	8:35AM	Daily	7C3404	10:10PM	3:40AM+1	Daily
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX77	4:05AM	7:00AM	1, 5	HX76	7:25PM	2:35AM+1	4, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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### FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JANUARY 2, 2024

SAIPAN TO ROTA					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	SAIPAN	ROTA	08:30	09:00	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	10:30	11:00	Daily
1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	ROTA	SAIPAN	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	11:30	12:00	Saturday & Sunday
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:30	14:00	Monday To Friday
3104	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	ROTA	GUAM	11:30	12:00	Monday To Friday
GUAM TO ROTA					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	GUAM	ROTA	12:30	13:00	Monday To Friday
SAIPAN TO TINIAN					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1201	SAIPAN	TINIAN	7:30	7:45	Daily
1202	SAIPAN	TINIAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	SAIPAN	TINIAN	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	SAIPAN	TINIAN	10:00	10:15	Daily
1206	SAIPAN	TINIAN	14:00	14:15	Daily
1207	SAIPAN	TINIAN	15:00	15:15	Daily
1208	SAIPAN	TINIAN	16:00	16:15	Daily
1209	SAIPAN	TINIAN	17:00	17:15	Daily
TINIAN TO SAIPAN					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2101	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
2102	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	TINIAN	SAIPAN	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	TINIAN	SAIPAN	10:30	10:45	Daily
2106	TINIAN	SAIPAN	14:30	14:45	Daily
2107	TINIAN	SAIPAN	15:30	15:45	Daily
2108	TINIAN	SAIPAN	16:30	16:45	Daily
2109	TINIAN	SAIPAN	17:30	17:45	Daily

# CNMI launches Local Food Purchase Assistance Program

The CNMI Office of the Governor, in partnership with the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Division, will be launching the Local Food Purchase Assistance program in the Marianas.

This \$410,000 initiative, supported by the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service, aims to strengthen the CNMI's food system by supporting local, regional, and underserved farmers and producers. The LFPA program offers flexible procurement strategies to enhance local and regional food systems, prioritizing healthy and nutritious food purchases that reflect the CNMI's unique geographic area. This initiative focuses on:

- Supporting local and underserved producers, including backyard farmers

- Increasing local food consumption

- Creating economic opportunities for local farmers, producers, and ranchers by tailoring food distribution to meet the specific needs of the population and feeding programs

The LFPA program addresses food security and nutrition within the CNMI, positively impacting residents' health and well-being.

To participate and register as a producer or distributor, visit [www.feedingmarianas.org](http://www.feedingmarianas.org). For more information, contact Economic Development officer Kioshi Cody at [kcody@commerce.gov.mp](mailto:kcody@commerce.gov.mp) or at (670) 588-8568.

For LFPA updates, follow CNMI Department of Commerce on Facebook.

The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service supports local and regional food systems through marketing services, grants, and programs that enhance farmers' and food businesses' economic viability. AMS ensures fair trading practices and promotes a competitive and efficient marketplace for agricultural products. (PR)

## 4.8-magnitude quake on Pagan

At 10:42pm on May 22, 2024, a report of a 4.8-magnitude earthquake occurred on the Pagan region of the Northern Mariana Islands. Currently, there are no tsunami advisories or warnings issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center.

For more information, contact the CNMI State Warning Point at (670) 237-8000. (PR)



### Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport "Car Rental Concessions" Request for Proposals for: CPA-RFP-006-24

CPA Concession No. CRR-2024-11  
CPA Concession No. CRR-2024-12  
CPA Concession No. CRR-2024-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority ("CPA" or "Authority") is soliciting proposals for the award of three (3) concessions granting the privilege to provide motor vehicle rental services to the traveling public (including the provision of insurance related to motor vehicles rented in the operation of such motor vehicle rental services) at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport ("Car Rental Concession"). The successful proposer will be expected to provide motor vehicle rental services in accordance with its concession and concession agreement at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport for a period of three years with an option upon entering into a concession agreement with the Authority.

The date of issuance of CPA-RFP-006-24 is **May 20, 2024**, and it can be obtained at the issuing office: CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. CPA offices are closed every other Monday for austerity reasons and also on holidays.

Proposals must be addressed to Commonwealth Ports Authority, Attn: Car Rental Concessions Evaluation Committee, CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950; and submitted to and received by the CPA Administration Office (second floor of arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport) **by or before 4:00 p.m. on June 21, 2024**, at which time the proposal period shall expire. Proposals must be accompanied with a non-refundable administrative fee of \$100.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, or cashier's check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority to defray the costs associated with handling and considering the proposal. Proposals are not required to include a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to cancel this RFP and to reject any and all proposals in accordance with its Concession Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 40-70).

LEO B. TUDELA  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Arnold I. Palacios and Lt. Governor David M. Apatang, through the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB), hereby gives notice that it will hold its regular monthly board meeting on **Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 8 a.m.** on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the Board of Professional Licensing Conference Room, BPL Building on Capitol Hill.

### AGENDA

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes (05/07/2024)
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Chairperson's Report
- VII. Director's Report
  - Localgov Contract
- VIII. Investigator's Report
- IX. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature
  - A. Governor's Office
  - B. Legislature
    - 1) Senate Standing Committee Report No. 23-84 RE: Executive Reappointment of Dr. Martin P. Rohringer for HCPLB Board
- X. Old Business
  - Proposed Amendments to Regulations for Licensed Professional Counselors
  - Proposed Amendments to Regulations for Social Workers
- XI. New Business
- XII. Pending Applications for Board's Review
  - Total Reviewed = \_\_\_\_\_ New Applications = \_\_\_\_\_
  - Renewal = \_\_\_\_\_ Pending = \_\_\_\_\_
- XIII. Miscellaneous Business
- XIV. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with Counsel on pending or anticipated legal matters.
  - B. Bost (Physician Application)
  - A. Zigman Complaint
  - Monitoring Review of N.K.
- XV. Announcements
  - A. Next Meeting Date
  - B. Adjournment of Meeting



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# PUBLIC NOTICE

The Department of Public Lands will be conducting a Public Hearing for the anticipated RFP for Rota Resort Hotel. The public hearing will be held as follows:

- Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 5:30pm for Rota at Rota DPL Office.
- Friday, June 7, 2024 at 5:30pm for Rota at the Rota Centron Hustisia.

For more information, please contact the Real Estate Division at telephone no. 670-234-3751 thru 3753.

## Job Vacancy Announcement

### Bookkeeper/Office Assistant (Full-time)

Location: ANAKS, Puerto Rico, Saipan

#### Responsibilities

- Organize and maintain accurate, up-to-date financial records for non-profit homeowner's association; manage invoicing, collections, accounts payable/receivable, and payroll in efficient and timely manner
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- Foster effective communication and cooperation among staff, owners, tenants, vendors, suppliers and government entities
- Other duties as assigned

#### Minimum Qualifications

- Associate degree in bookkeeping, accounting, business, finance, or related field
- Minimum four (4) years professional bookkeeping/accounting experience
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), and QuickBooks
- Strong communication, organizational, and problem-solving skills
- U.S. citizen/Permanent resident
- Multilingual a plus (Japanese, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Tagalog)

#### Compensation

- \$12.00 per hour
- Paid medical insurance
- Paid sick leave, annual vacation leave, holiday pay

#### Application Process

Interested candidates should submit their resume, cover letter, recent police clearance, and professional references via email to: [office1@anaks.net](mailto:office1@anaks.net) by June 22, 2024. Please include "Bookkeeper/Office Assistant Application" in the subject line.


# Business

## 3DP Construction advances 3D printing sample house construction


Saipan-based construction company, 3DP Construction, has announced that it is currently in the process of constructing a sample house using 3D printing technology, and plans to unveil it soon. Over the past year, the company has introduced 3D printing construction technology to Saipan, conducting extensive testing with 3D



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
3DP Construction president Yoonsik Lee and staff at the site of their innovative 3D house printing technology.



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**Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport**  
**“Car Rental Concessions”**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**for: CPA-RFP-004-24**

- CPA Concession No. CRS-2024-01
- CPA Concession No. CRS-2024-02
- CPA Concession No. CRS-2024-03

- CPA Concession No. CRS-2024-04
- CPA Concession No. CRS-2024-05
- CPA Concession No. CRS-2024-06


The Commonwealth Ports Authority (“CPA” or “Authority”) is soliciting proposals for the award of six (6) concessions granting the privilege to provide motor vehicle rental services to the traveling public (including the provision of insurance related to motor vehicles rented in the operation of such motor vehicle rental services) at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport (“Car Rental Concession”). The successful proposer will be expected to provide motor vehicle rental services in accordance with its concession and concession agreement at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport for a period of three years with an option upon entering into a concession agreement with the Authority.

The date of issuance of CPA-RFP-004-24 is **May 20, 2024**, and it can be obtained at the issuing office: CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. CPA offices are closed every other Monday for austerity reasons and also on holidays.


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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**for: CPA-RFP-005-24**

- CPA Concession No. CRT-2024-07
- CPA Concession No. CRT-2024-08
- CPA Concession No. CRT-2024-09
- CPA Concession No. CRT-2024-10

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (“CPA” or “Authority”) is soliciting proposals for the award of four (4) concessions granting the privilege to provide motor vehicle rental services to the traveling public (including the provision of insurance related to motor vehicles rented in the operation of such motor vehicle rental services) at the Francisco Manglona Borja/Tinian International Airport (“Car Rental Concession”). The successful proposer will be expected to provide motor vehicle rental services in accordance with its concession and concession agreement at the Francisco Manglona Borja/Tinian International Airport for a period of three years with an option upon entering into a concession agreement with the Authority.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
3DP Construction's 3D house printing technology significantly cuts down on the high logistics costs and long procurement times associated with importing expensive building materials to island regions like Saipan.



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3DP Construction's 3D printing equipment is distinct in that it incorporates rebar into the structures, complying with existing building codes unlike other construction 3D printers.

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printing equipment, mortar equipment, and 3D printing materials. Their 3D printing equipment is distinct in that it incorporates rebar into the structures, complying with existing building codes unlike other construction 3D printers.

Last year, 3DP Construction applied for and, a few months ago, received approval from the CNMI Department of Public Works for the design of their 3D printing Sample House Project. Building designs on Saipan must consider some of the world's strongest wind loads (190 mph) and significant seismic activity. These conditions require the installation of both vertical and horizontal rebar within the building walls, a requirement that 3DP Construction's technology satisfies.

Despite the challenges posed by Saipan's intense sunlight, which complicates 3D printing operations, 3DP Construction has successfully reduced construction costs by maximizing the use of local materials. This approach

significantly cuts down on the high logistics costs and long procurement times associated with importing expensive building materials to island regions like Saipan.

In their pursuit of implementing 3D printing technology, 3DP Construction has been consulting with Sunghyun Yoon, the head of the Construction 3D Printer Cooperative in South Korea. Yoon's expertise in adapting the technology to Saipan's climate and local materials has been instrumental in the local development of their technology.

The company is currently inviting potential collaborators such as property owners, developers, military personnel, and government agencies to get in touch regarding the project. Interested parties can contact 3DP Construction at (670) 783-3803 or via email at [yse.ent.2017@gmail.com](mailto:yse.ent.2017@gmail.com). 3DP Construction aims to contribute to the development of Guam and Saipan through collaborations with military and government agencies. **(PR)**

# Life & Style

## Tyson's fight with Paul postponed after Tyson's health episode

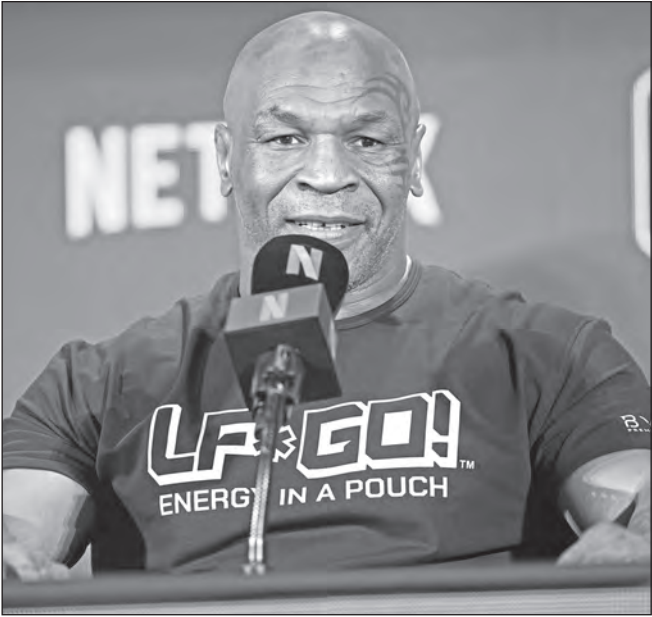
By GREG BEACHAM  
AP Sports Writer

Mike Tyson's fight with Jake Paul has been postponed after the 57-year-old Tyson fell ill on a flight last weekend.

Tyson and Paul said Friday that they will announce a new fight date next week. They were scheduled to meet July 20 in Arlington, Texas.

Tyson became nauseous and dizzy during the final hour of a flight from Miami to Los Angeles last Sunday, and his plane was met by first responders who attended to the former heavyweight champion. Tyson's camp attributed the episode to an ulcer problem.

"During a follow up consultation on Thursday with medical professionals on his recent ulcer flare-up, the recommen-



Mike Tyson speaks during a news conference promoting his upcoming boxing bout against Jake Paul, May 16, 2024, in Arlington, Texas.

dation is for Mike Tyson to do minimal to light training over the next few weeks and then

return to full training with no limitations," the fight's promoters said in a statement.

## Jennifer Lopez cancels summer tour: 'I am completely heartsick and devastated'

NEW YORK (AP)—Jennifer Lopez has canceled her 2024 North American tour, representatives for Live Nation confirmed to The Associated Press.

"Jennifer is taking time off to be with her children, family and close friends," they said in a statement.

The tour was to be her first in five years, in support of her first solo album in a decade, "This Is Me... Now" and its companion film.

The tour was scheduled to kick off on June 26 in Orlando, Florida, and conclude in Houston on Aug. 31. Live Nation shared that attendees who purchased tickets through Ticketmaster will be automatically refunded.

Lopez offered her own statement to fans on her OntheJLo website and newsletter, writing, "I am completely heartsick and devastated about letting you down. Please know that I wouldn't

do this if I didn't feel that it was absolutely necessary." She continued: "I promise I will make it up to you and we will all be together again. I love you all so much. Until next time..." "This Is Me... Now" was released early this year, 20 years after her hit album, "This Is Me... Then." Lopez told the AP that the new album was a "miracle" and "a second chance. And I'd love to capture this moment in time the way that album captured that moment in time."



Lopez

Tyson hasn't fought professionally since June 2005, but he has been training regularly for several years. He fought Roy Jones Jr. in an entertaining exhibition in Los Angeles in November 2020.

"My body is in better overall shape than it has been since the 1990s, and I will be back to my full training schedule soon," Tyson said in the statement. "Jake Paul, this may have bought you some time, but in the end you will still be knocked out and out of boxing for good. I appreciate everyone's patience and can't wait

to deliver an unforgettable performance later this year."

Texas boxing officials have sanctioned Tyson's meeting with Paul as a legitimate bout with eight 2-minute rounds and unusually heavy gloves. Tyson will turn 58 before the fight, which was scheduled to be streamed on Netflix in what's likely to be a massive payday for both fighters.

Tickets already purchased for the fight, which was to be held at the Dallas Cowboys' home stadium, will be honored on the new fight date, promoters said. The resched-

uled fight is also expected to be in Arlington.

The 27-year-old Paul is a YouTube star who has forged a successful prizefighting career mostly by taking on mixed martial artists and journeymen boxers.

"I fully support postponing the event so Mike Tyson has no excuses come fight night," Paul said. "My fans know I don't want to face Iron Mike at anything but his best, but let there be no mistake: When he steps into the ring with me, I will be ready to claim my W with a sensational finish."

## Daughter of Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt files court petition to remove father's last name

A daughter of actors Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt filed paperwork to legally remove "Pitt" from her name on the day she turned 18.

Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt submitted a petition in Los Angeles County Superior Court on May 27 to change her name to Shiloh Nouvel Jolie, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The third-eldest of the former couple's six children was born in Swakopmund, Namibia, on May 27, 2006. The siblings also include Maddox, Pax, Zahara and twins Knox and Vivienne.

Shiloh, who performs as a voice actor in the film "Kung Fu Panda 3," is the first of the siblings to file a petition for a legal name change, but some of the other children have dropped public use of their father's last name in recent



This combination photo shows Angelina Jolie at a premiere in Los Angeles on Sept. 30, 2019, left, and Brad Pitt at a special screening on Sept. 18, 2019.

years, the Times reported.

Angelina Jolie filed for divorce from Pitt in September 2016 but the details of the divorce have not yet been finalized.

The actors, who were mar-

ried in August 2014, have filed lawsuits against each other in recent years stemming from disagreements over their shared business ventures and property including a winery in France, the Times reported. (AP)

## Wife discovers husband is up to his same old tricks

DEAR ABBY: I did some investigating and recently found out my husband of 28 years has been corresponding with other women. This is the second time I have caught him. He's sworn that nothing ever developed out of it, but I can't help but wonder how far it would've gone had I not discovered it.

Should I walk away and start over, or stay in this marriage not knowing if I can stand another betrayal? Our sons are in their 30s, and we have no grandchildren yet.

MARRIED TO A CHEATER

DEAR MARRIED: I wish you had been more specific about what your husband and these women were writing about. If it was sexual in nature, I can understand your concern. Has he met either of them in person? If the answer is no, then it may be a bit dramatic to accuse him of betrayal. Rather than walk away, tell him you think it's time for marriage counseling, and then ask your doctor for a referral for the both of you.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 60 and retired. My adult children and grandchildren live in the same city as I do. I want to move somewhere with fewer people, preferably a cabin, probably in another state. I feel extremely guilty at the thought of leaving my family, but at the same time I don't want to re-

gret not finding my little patch of peace and quiet. I spent 25 years in law enforcement and really prefer solitude. I hope you can give me some advice.

SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO

DEAR SHOULD I STAY: Please put down that burden of guilt. After 25 years taking care of others, you have earned the right to do what you need to for yourself. Explain to your adult children that after 25 years in a high-adrenaline profession (to put it mildly), you need quiet and solitude and to decompress. You won't be out of their lives forever; they can travel to visit you and bring along the grandkids, or you can visit them a couple of times a year.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, I have been diagnosed with a type of blood cancer with a life expectancy of two to eight years. My question is, how do I let people know? I have told a few close friends and asked them not to tell others until I get a few things settled. I have also told them if others comment about my weight loss (I've lost about 20 pounds) that I'm OK with letting them know. I'm not sure a blast email or text would be the way to do it. Looking for suggestions.

UNSURE IN ARIZONA

DEAR UNSURE: I'm sorry you received bad news. A

## DEAR ABBY

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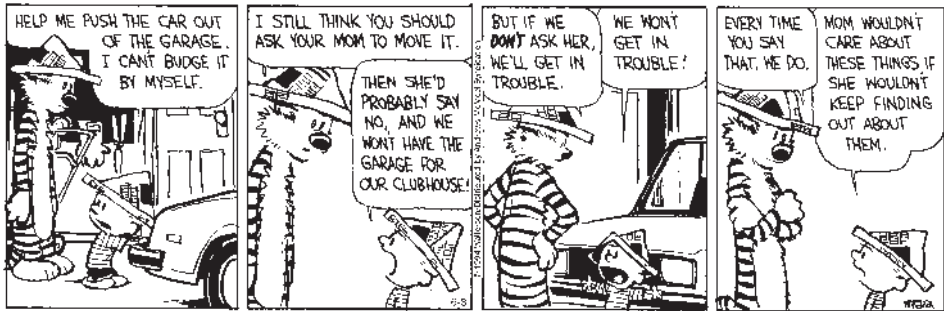
diagnosis of cancer has serious implications, even if it doesn't involve an expiration date. I agree a mass email blast wouldn't be the best way to deliver this news. If someone comments on your weight loss, explain about your diagnosis. Do not ask anyone else to keep it to themselves, and word will trickle out. Of course, your family and closest friends should be told by you so they won't hear about it secondhand.

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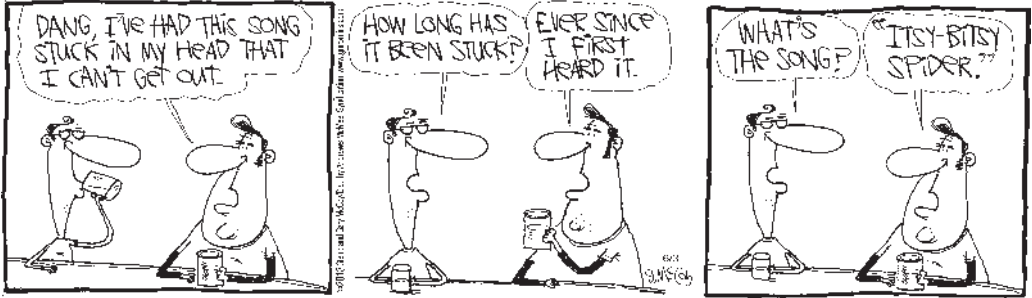
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

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11 Pole, e.g.  
13 Lawyers' org.  
14 MRI fore-runner  
15 Highly-rated  
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17 Adorable  
18 Prefix with "dollar" or "chemical"  
20 Verifiable  
22 Decade pts.  
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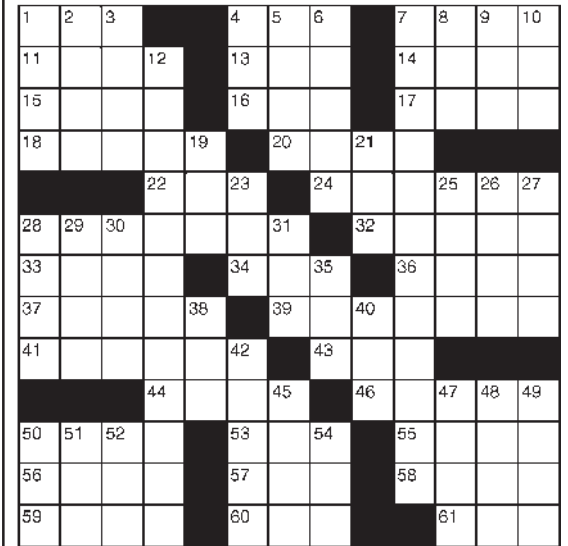
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50 Goose egg  
53 Physique  
55 Theater award  
56 Novelist  
57 2023 Paris Open winner  
58 Alpha follower  
59 Scruff  
60 Mafia boss  
61 "Uh-huh"

**DOWN**

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5 Slightly  
6 Blue Grotto  
7 "Great work!"  
8 — Hill (R&B group)  
9 Rebellion leader  
10 Sailor's assent  
12 "Great work!"  
19 O'Hare's airport code  
21 Italian article  
23 Colson White-head's "— Harbor"  
25 Taj Mahal city  
26 Ban-shee's cry  
27 Brief moments  
28 Moolah  
29 Assess  
30 "Carmen" solo  
31 Coifs  
35 Poorly lit  
38 Golf prop  
40 Talk on and on  
42 Fanatical  
45 NASA scrub  
47 Follow orders  
48 Ceremony  
49 Tide type  
50 Buddhist sect  
51 TV's Longoria  
52 Genre for Post Malone  
54 Dapper fellow

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

**Last Friday's answer 6-3**



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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Anne Winters, 30; Rafael Nadal, 38; Anderson Cooper, 57; James Purefoy, 60.

**Happy Birthday:** Size up situations before you jump into action. Evaluation, assessments and research will spare you a multitude of setbacks this year. Use your intelligence and instincts to navigate the highs and lows, and you will learn valuable lessons that make your life easier. Paint an image of what you want, and you'll discover how to make it happen. Personal gain, self-improvement and love are favored. Your numbers are 7, 13, 18, 24, 31, 39, 42.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Haste makes waste. It's OK to envision what's next, but finish what you start before heading in a new direction. Mastering the art of completion will help you secure a reputation for reliability and acting in good faith. Changing how you handle your cash will be fruitful. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Emotions will surface, leading to personal or professional instability. Think twice before you act. Focus on laying down ground rules, putting a strategy in place and following through. Abide by the rules, and take care of matters yourself. \*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Think big and see what happens. Channel energy into whatever makes the most sense, and strive to do your best. You have everything to gain by giving your all and helping others. Do what makes your heart sing, and you'll have no regrets. Personal gain is favored. \*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Put stubbornness aside and do what's necessary to reach your goal. Refuse to let uncertainty stand in your way. Put your differences aside and reach out to those who can help. Changing how

you approach others and the difficulties you face will pay off. \*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** A positive attitude will help you get whatever you pursue. Think as you go, adjust to the climate and turn negatives into positives. Let your high-spirited attitude lead the way, and you will captivate your audience with your charm, charisma and enthusiasm. Romance is on the rise. \*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Keep an open mind despite all that's coming your way. A change may be necessary, but if you are thorough and heartfelt in doing what's best for everyone, you'll gain acceptance to move forward with your plans. Turn your suggestion into something encouraging and eventful. \*\*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Listen, fact-check and elaborate to make the information your own. How you approach the changes you want to incorporate into your everyday schedule will determine how much time you require to prepare. Streamlining your routine will help you achieve cost efficiency. Put your energy where it counts. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You'll find it easier to address emotional matters. Cater to those who require assistance and appreciate your direction and suggestions. Your insight and ability to contribute hands-on help will put you in a good position. A positive change in a meaningful relationship is apparent. \*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Pull back if someone tries to exploit you. A physical challenge will test your strength and judgment and confirm that you still have what it takes to win. Think big and you'll achieve your goal. A physical improvement will lift your spirits. \*\*\*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Consider suggestions or ideas to improve your home environment. The changes you make will provide stability and help you thwart any controversy you may encounter from someone disgruntled about your lifestyle. Get others involved in the process and turn it into a win-win situation. \*\*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Refuse to let your emotions take over when you need intelligence to navigate your way to the top. Muster up the confidence to become a leader who can make a difference. How you operate among your peers will determine how positive an impact you have on others. \*\*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take the time to think before you act. The insight you gain will help you come up with a solid plan that is difficult to dismantle. Working quietly on your own will buy you time. Avoid sharing personal information with someone who can't keep a secret. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are imaginative, energetic and adaptable. You are friendly and appealing.

☾: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ☼: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ☼☼: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ☼☼☼: Aim high; start new projects. ☼☼☼☼: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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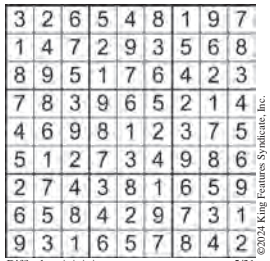
Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green



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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Friday's Answer



WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

**PEBBLES** Solution: 6 letters

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# White Sox lose 10th straight, fall to Brewers in 10 innings

**MILWAUKEE (AP)**—Willy Adames hit an RBI single in the 10th inning and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the White Sox 4-3 on Saturday to extend Chicago's losing streak to 10 games.

Adames also had a two-out, two-run single in the seventh inning.

Chicago's Garrett Crochet struck out eight over six innings of one-run ball. Crochet has been one of the few bright spots for the White Sox this season. He took the mound Saturday having allowed just two runs over his last four starts while striking out 32 over his last 23 innings.

**PIRATES 8, BLUE JAYS 1**  
**TORONTO (AP)**—Ke'Bryan Hayes and Bryan Reynolds hit two-run home runs, Mitch Keller pitched six strong innings for his fifth straight victory and Pittsburgh snapped a nine-game losing streak against Toronto.

After going 4-0 with a 1.30 ERA in four May starts, Keller (7-3) extended his winning streak by allowing one run and five hits. He walked one and struck out eight.

**ASTROS 5, TWINS 2**  
**HOUSTON (AP)**—Framber Valdez pitched no-hit ball into the seventh inning and Yordan Alvarez hit two of Houston's four homers in their victory over Minnesota.

Valdez (4-3) didn't allow a hit until a single to start the seventh. He yielded the two hits and a run with four strikeouts in seven innings.

**RED SOX 6, TIGERS 3**  
**BOSTON (AP)**—Enmanuel Valdez homered twice for his first career multihomer game and drove in three runs to power Boston past Detroit.

The Red Sox improved to 32-9—and 17-5 in the past two years—wearing their City Connect uniforms with bright yellow jerseys and powder blue lettering, numbers and hats since they were introduced in 2021.

**GUARDIANS 3, NATIONALS 2**  
**CLEVELAND (AP)**—Ben Lively won his career-best fourth consecutive start and Kyle Manzardo hit a bloop two-run single to lead Cleveland over Washington.

Lively (5-2) allowed two runs and five hits in 5 2/3 innings while striking out four and walking one. The journeyman right-hander is 3-0 with a 1.90 ERA in four starts at home this season.

**ORIOLES 9, RAYS 5**  
**BALTIMORE (AP)**—Ryan

Mountcastle hit his seventh and eighth home runs and Baltimore slugged their way to a victory over Tampa Bay.

Mountcastle drove in four runs in first multi-home run game of the season and his ninth of his career. The Orioles hit four homers and scored nine runs in 3 1/3 innings against Rays starter Taj Bradley (1-3).

Anthony Santander and Jordan Westburg also connected in the Orioles' third straight victory and eighth in nine games.

**PADRES 7, ROYALS 3**  
**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)**—Ha-Seong Kim hit a go-ahead three-run double, Fernando Tatis Jr. and Kyle Higashioka homered and San Diego beat Kansas City.

Randy Vásquez (1-3) started after Joe Musgrove was scratched hours before the first pitch with right elbow inflammation and went five innings, allowing three runs and four hits with five strikeouts and one walk.

**RANGERS 7, MARLINS 0**  
**MIAMI (AP)**—Corey Seager singled twice and doubled to extend his hitting streak to 14 games and Texas beat Miami.

The star shortstop, who also has an on-base streak of 24 games, is 19 for 51 during the stretch that began on May 14.

Marcus Semien also had two singles and a double, while Robbie Grossman doubled and singled for the Rangers, who finished with 13 hits despite striking out 16 times.

**ATHLETICS 11, BRAVES 9**  
**ATLANTA (AP)**—Miguel Andujar went 4 for 5 with a homer, four RBIs and three runs scored and Oakland snapped Chris Sale's seven-start winning streak with an 11-9 victory over Atlanta.

Brent Rooker also homered and drove in four runs for Oakland. His two-run double in the sixth gave the A's a 10-9 lead. No. 9 hitter Max Schuemann was 4 for 4 with three runs scored.

**DIAMONDBACKS 10, METS 5**  
**NEW YORK (AP)**—Christian Walker hit a grand slam in the third inning and Arizona routed New York to stop a five-game losing streak that matched their season high.

Arizona reliever Kevin Ginkel (3-1) left in the sixth after being hit on the left knee by Brandon Nimmo's line drive, two days after Diamondbacks ace Zac Gallen strained his right hamstring six pitches into the series opener.

Arizona, which took a 10-1 lead into the ninth, has scored

19 runs in its last two games after totaling nine in its previous six.

**PHILLIES 6, CARDINALS 1**  
**PHILADELPHIA (AP)**—Spencer Turnbull struck out six in three scoreless innings after stepping in for injured starter Ranger Suárez and Bryce Harper homered to lead Philadelphia to a victory over St. Louis.

Alec Bohm drove in two runs for the NL East-leading Phillies, who have won eight in a row at home and im-

proved to 41-18.

Suárez, who entered the game tied for the major league lead with nine wins, left with a bruised left hand after he was drilled by a 106.1 mph line drive off the bat of Alec Burleson in the second inning. He picked up the ball and threw to first to get the final out and then immediately winced. Suárez put his face in his glove, walked to the dugout and then headed back to the clubhouse after retiring all six batters he faced, striking out two.

**MARINERS 9, ANGELS 0**

**SEATTLE (AP)**—J.P. Crawford hit a grand slam, Bryce Miller struck out nine in six smooth innings and Seattle beat Los Angeles.

Miller (5-5) allowed just three hits for the Mariners, who lead the AL West on June 1 for the first time since 2003. They have won seven straight home series and six of their last seven games overall. Seattle (33-27) is a season-high six games over .500.

**YANKEES 7, GIANTS 3**  
**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Aaron Judge homered for the

third time in two games and New York beat San Francisco.

Judge followed up his two-homer performance Friday night in his first game at the stadium where he rooted for the Giants as a child with one of the more prodigious shots hit in this ballpark's 25 seasons.

He capped a nine-pitch at-bat in the first inning against Logan Webb (4-5) by launching a changeup 464 feet into the left-field bleachers for his major league-leading 21st home run of the year and a 2-0 lead.

## † Juan Sablan Salas

March 06, 1959 – May 03, 2024

### Home

Take pause for just a moment  
And look up to the skies  
I want to show you heaven  
As seen through joyful eyes

The moment I arrived here  
I saw the sweetest sight  
All those who'd gone before me  
Surrounded by His light

They reached out and embraced me  
An instantly I knew  
That I'd fulfilled my purpose  
And one day you will too

It's natural you are sad now  
But try to let that go  
There's overwhelming peace here  
And beauty all aglow

We have not pain or suffering  
No thought of right or wrong  
No one here's an outsider  
Each one of us belong

There is no sense of judgment  
His light reveals our soul  
Each one unique and perfect  
We make each other whole

So when you really miss me  
Just cast your eyes above  
Remember, I am home now  
And sending you my love

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### With Sincere Gratitude

The family of the late Juan "John" Sablan Salas wish to express our deep appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, support, and messages of sympathy and comfort in our bereavement. Your kind words and gestures have been a source of solace for our family, and we are profoundly grateful for your presence in our lives. Though John may no longer be with us, his spirit will continue to live on in our hearts and memories. Thank you for your unwavering support and compassion. God Bless You All.

Frances "Frannie" Tores- Salas  
Antonio Taitano and Avelina Sablan Salas and family

# NBA Finals set, with Boston set to face Dallas for Larry O'Brien Trophy

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP Basketball Writer



Kyrie Irving returning to Boston. Luka Dončić's first trip to the title round. Jaylen Brown and Jayson Tatum, getting another chance at a ring. Kristaps Porzingis facing his former team, too.

Pick a storyline. There are many in these NBA Finals.

The matchup is now set: It'll be Boston against Dallas for the Larry O'Brien Trophy, a series that starts on the Celtics' home floor on June 6—meaning everyone will be sitting around and waiting for about a week, a byproduct of the Celtics and Mavericks making short work of their respective conference finals.

Dallas eliminated Minnesota on Thursday night, winning 124-103 to finish off a 4-1 victory in the Western Conference finals. Boston's spot was clinched Monday night, after the Celtics beat Indiana 108-105 to cap a 4-0 series in the East.

"We're going to the NBA Finals," Dončić said during the on-court celebration in Minneapolis on Thursday night. "Just can't believe it, man."

It's Boston's second time in the finals in the last three seasons, after falling to Golden State in six games in 2022. Dallas is in the title round for the first time since winning the championship against Miami in 2011.

Much will be made, and rightly so, of Irving and the Celtics meeting with a title on



Dallas Mavericks guard Kyrie Irving (11) winks after a score against the Minnesota Timberwolves as he walks in front of Mavericks center Dereck Lively II (2) during the first half of Game 5 of the Western Conference finals in the NBA basketball playoffs, Thursday, May 30, 2024, in Minneapolis.

the line. Boston made a blockbuster move in 2017 by trading for Irving, with the hopes of seeing him grace its parquet floor in the NBA Finals.

Hey, it'll happen now—just not as the sides envisioned seven years ago.

Irving was an All-Star in both of his Boston seasons, then left as a free agent to join the Brooklyn Nets in 2019 a few months after saying—vowing, really—that he would be staying with the Celtics. There have been some interesting moments in his returns to Boston; he's

been routinely booed and had a water bottle thrown at him, while he's been fined for making an obscene gesture and raised ire by stomping on the Celtics' leprechaun logo at midcourt following a Brooklyn playoff win there.

"Boston's in the way and in between our goal," Irving said when the West finals ended Thursday night.

Irving's message to the Mavericks: Enjoy this moment.

"Nothing's guaranteed in this league, especially making it to the finals every year," said Irving, who won a title play-

ing alongside LeBron James with Cleveland in 2016. "We couldn't have done it without a collective responsibility, us working together every single day, practicing hard, doing the little things. We should reward ourselves by playing hard."

Porzingis spent nearly three years in Dallas after being traded there by the New York Knicks in 2019. He's in his first season in Boston and has been a huge part of the Celtics' success—but got hurt in Round 1 against Miami and hasn't played since, though it seems reasonable

to think he may be ready for the NBA Finals.

"He's progressing well and he's working really hard to get back," Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla said.

The Celtics won the two head-to-head meetings against the Mavericks in the regular season, 119-110 at Dallas on Jan. 22 and then 138-110 in Boston on March 1.

The Mavericks didn't have an answer for Tatum; he had 39 points in the January game, 32 in the March matchup. The Celtics didn't have an answer for Dončić; he had triple-

doubles in both games—33 points, 18 rebounds and 13 assists in January, then 37 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists in March.

Those games won't mean much now.

"This group believes," said Mavericks coach Jason Kidd, who played for the Dallas team that won a title in 2011. "They believe in each other. ... This is a special group."

The Celtics are seeking their 18th title overall, which would break a tie with the Los Angeles Lakers for the most in NBA history, and their first championship since 2008.

Against the Warriors two years ago, the championship experience of Golden State prevailed. Lessons were learned then, Boston has insisted since, and the Celtics will get a chance to finish the season differently this time.

"It's a new challenge. It's a different situation," Celtics center Al Horford said. "I'm just excited to be in this position and to have this opportunity."

The Celtics will have spent more than a week without a game before the finals start. Mazzulla said all that downtime won't be spent idly.

"Nothing's really valuable if you let it go to waste," Mazzulla said. "Between now and June 6th, we have to take every experience that we've been through, and we've got to make sure we take advantage of it and that we utilize it to put ourselves in the best position to win."

## Source: Cavs add coaching candidates, get permission to speak with assistants Bryant, Quinn

**CLEVELAND (AP)**—Cleveland added two more candidates to its coaching search Friday, receiving permission to interview New York Knicks assistant Johnnie Bryant and Miami Heat assistant Chris Quinn, a person familiar with the process told The Associated Press.

Earlier this week, the Cavs began looking for J.B. Bickerstaff's successor by getting clearance to speak with Golden State's Kenny Atkinson and New Orleans' James Borrego.

Bickerstaff was fired one week after Cleveland was knocked out in the second round of the NBA playoffs by Boston. The Cavs believe they have their pieces to compete for a championship and want a new voice.

The Cavs will further broaden their list of prospective candidates, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the team is not commenting during its first search for a coach in five years.

Cleveland and the Los Angeles Lakers are the only

teams with coaching vacancies at the moment.

Bryant's name has been linked for some time to the Cavs because of his background with Donovan Mitchell. The All-Star guard worked with Bryant in Utah and has credited him with helping him develop as a player.

Mitchell can sign a long-term extension with Cleveland this summer, and Bryant's hiring could seal the deal.

Quinn, who is highly regarded in Miami, has been a candidate for several jobs in recent years. The Heat agreed to terms with assistant coach Caron Butler on a four-year deal earlier this week, and have been talking with Quinn and fellow assistant Malik Allen on new contracts as well.

Bickerstaff's dismissal was somewhat shocking since he had guided the Cavs through the early stages of a rebuild and had made improvement each season.

He was forced to juggle his lineup almost this entire season due to injuries. The Cavs

played the series against the Celtics without center Jarrett Allen because of a broken rib, while Mitchell sat out

Cleveland's final two games with a strained calf.

Bickerstaff took over for John Beilein midway

through the 2019 season and went 170-159 in the regular season. He got the Cavs back to the playoffs

for the first time since 2018 last season, but a first-round exit against the Knicks didn't help his resume.

### NBA BRIEFS

#### Pistons part ways with Weaver, hire Langdon as president of basketball operations

**DETROIT (AP)**—The Detroit Pistons have parted ways with general manager Troy Weaver and hired Trajan Langdon on Friday as president of basketball operations. Detroit has had the NBA's worst record the past two seasons and won just 23% of its games over four years with Weaver in charge of basketball operations. Langdon was hired by the New Orleans Pelicans as general manager in 2019 and they improved under him in each of the past five years, winning 49 games last season to trail the win total of only one team in franchise history. The former Duke standout, who played in Cleveland for three seasons, previously was the Brooklyn Nets' assistant general manager. The Pistons said he will hire other executives in an expanded front office. Detroit hired Weaver nearly four years ago after he was with the Oklahoma City Thunder for 12 seasons, including three-plus years as vice president of

basketball operations. The Pistons announced in April that they were looking for new leadership after they finished 14-68, losing three more games than they did last season, and set an NBA single-season record with 28 consecutive losses. Under Weaver, they were 74-244 overall and extended a postseason drought that dates to 2019. Detroit did not have much luck in the draft lottery for the second straight season and will have the No. 5 pick for the third straight year. The Pistons are trying to rebuild around Cade Cunningham, the No. 1 pick overall in 2021, to restore pride for a franchise that has won three NBA titles.

#### Source: Kings agree to contract extension with coach Mike Brown

The Sacramento Kings have agreed to an extension with coach Mike Brown to keep him under contract through the 2026-27 season, a person familiar with the deal said. The Kings and the 2022-23 NBA Coach of the Year reached agreement on the extension Friday night, the

person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the contract hadn't been announced by the team. ESPN first reported the deal and said Brown will get a \$4 million raise to \$8.5 million for next season and then \$8.5 million a year for two additional seasons added on to his previous deal. Brown has a 94-70 record in two seasons with Sacramento. He led the Kings to their first playoff berth since 2006 in his first year in charge and then fell just short of a return to the playoffs this last season, when Sacramento lost a play-in game for the eighth seed to New Orleans after going 46-36 in the regular season. Brown has been a key part of a turnaround in Sacramento, helping the team snap the longest playoff drought in NBA history and winning his second career coach of the year award. Brown and Rick Adelman are the only Kings coaches to lead the team to a winning record in any season since the franchise moved to Sacramento in 1985. Brown has a 441-286 career record with Cleveland, the Los Angeles Lakers and Sacramento. (AP)

# Bodybuilding competition set for June 15

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The CNMI's annual bodybuilding competition is back—the 2024 Dee Clayton Classic and Northern Marianas Bodybuilding and Physique Federation Championships—on June 15 at the Saipan World Resort's Taga Hall.

The show starts at 5pm and doors open at 4pm. Tickets are \$30 while it's \$40 at the door.

Overall winners will then represent the CNMI and advance to the NPC Guam National Bodybuilding Championships on June 29, said Dee

Clayton, president of the DC Classic.

This year's edition has 17 categories which are teen bodybuilding, teen physique, teen bikini model, teen fitness, teen performance, bodybuilding, classic physique, men's physique, master's physique, women's bodybuilding, figure, bikini, fitness, fitness pageant, mixed pairs, fitness performance, and wellness.

There are currently 18 competitors vying for the titles.

Sponsors of the event are Megabyte of Saipan, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Gold's Gym, Latte Built Gym, Saipan

World Resort Taga Hall, Rozelle Printing, Top Notch, Power 99, Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts, Foremost, Island Touch by Philip, and Coca-Cola Beverage Co., Division of Youth Services, Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council, and the Saipan Mayor's Office.

In last year's competition Filomenaleonisa Iakopo was the Figure overall champion and Cielo Long was the overall champion of the Bikini category.

The Men's Physique overall title went to Enrico Valdez; Lorenzo Sanchez was the overall champion of the Classic Physique category; and



JONATHAN IBAJAN

Competitors in the 2023 Dee Clayton Classic and Northern Marianas Bodybuilding and Physique Federation Championships pose for a group photo at the Saipan World Resort's Taga Hall.

Stanley Iakopo grabbed the overall championship in the Bodybuilding category.

In the short category of the Men's Physique, first place went to Athan Taisague, and Sanchez took first place in the short division of the Classic Physique category and the overall championship.

First place in the tall cat-

egory went to Daniel Matsunaga, and in the Bodybuilding category, Stanley took the overall title in the lightweight class; Sanchez in the bantamweight and Ralph Villas in the welterweight were the only competitors in their respective weight classes and took first place.

In the 2023 Pacific Games

in Honiara, Solomon Islands, the CNMI won its first ever gold medal in bodybuilding after Christina Tudela dominated the field of the short-class model physique category.

The upcoming 2024 Micronesia Games in Majuro, Marshall Islands does not have bodybuilding on the program.

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scored 6 points and Santos contributed a 3-pointer.

The second quarter saw heavy physical exchanges as New Chang Ming battled their way to stop Team Marianas' onslaught. As a result, multiple free throws allowed Team Marianas to tack on more points also from the charity line.

New Chang Ming went full force after the halftime break, but as they played the NMI men's national team, they were in for a beating. That didn't stop New Chang Ming from playing their hearts out and finally getting some shots in the third quarter.

Although Team Marianas' lead towered between 20 to 30 points, New Chang Ming

managed to find an opening from fastbreak plays.

Despite the effort, Team Marianas drowned New Chang Ming and secured the championship with a huge 31-point winning margin.

Basa led Team Marianas with 17 points, while Santos was right behind at 15 markers, and Rabauliman contributed 12.

New Chang Ming's Rodel Pastrana had a game-high 20 points, as Christian David scored 11, and Jonel Broncano put up 8.

The MVP award went to Team Marianas Douglas "Spider" Schmidt, who scored 11 points in the finals.

Team Marianas head coach Rufino Aguon said after the awards ceremony that the team's performance was "pretty good."

He said, "I believe we played

the best of the best on the island so it's good training for us... the team has improved a lot since we first started and the way they played tonight showcased what they've been going through for the past couple months."

Team Marianas is heading out to compete in the 2024 Micronesia Games in Majuro, Marshall Islands from June 15-24. With less than a month left, Aguon said he had hoped there were more tournaments to get the team ready to compete.

But with that, he said that he was glad they played against New Chang Ming in the finals. He said they were a "very physical team" and that was what they needed. "They did get into some of these guys' heads, so I had to come in and say, 'hey it's all part of the game. Let the referees do their job.' That's why there was a

little bit of a stall in the score for a little bit, but it's all part of their learning."

Northern Marianas Basketball Federation vice president David John Apatang, in his remarks during the awards ceremony, said, "Team Marianas is a very strong team. What we're trying to do is prepare them for our international competitions. I want to thank New Chang Ming especially—they're a very, very good team. Congratulations to you guys. You guys took on the best team on the island. So don't forget that."

To the young and new players, he said, "You need to set a higher standard so we can play more organized basketball and we can compete internationally. That is our goal. So, as you are practicing, remember, Saipan is not the goal—inter-

national is our goal. You guys are our future and you guys have good role models such as New Chang Ming and Team Marianas."

NMIBF also awarded 2024 Pokka Cup champion—670 Rollers—with their championship trophy and individual trophies. The MVP award went to Michael Mercado Jr.

**Team Marianas 102** – Basa 17, Santos 15, Rabauliman 12, Dela Cruz 12, Schmidt 11, Airson Atan 10, Aldan 8, Ogumoro 7, Lizama 4, Ong 4, Sablan 2.

**New Chang Ming 71** – Pastrana 20, David 11, Broncano 8, Ferrer 7, Bernardo 5, De Dios 4, Foronda 4, Baking 4, Camacho 4, De Vero 2, Esdrelon 1, Diwa 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 32-7, 50-28, 80-49, 102-71.

## Krishnan crushes in April tourney

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Das Krishnan punched his ticket to Saipan Golfers Association's season-ending Ace of Aces Tournament after topping the April Ace of the Month Tournament last April 24 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort east course.

The 69-year-old banquet manager at Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan shot a net score of 71 following a 43 in the back nine and a 39 in the back nine for a gross score of 82.

"The weather was hot and fairways were dry but I held the game in control. I do not challenge the players but the course," he said when asked how were the tourney conditions last April ace.

He then dedicated his victory to his wife, Alice Law.

Ed Sablan actually tied Krishnan for the top spot in April after also carding a net 71 built around gross of 95 (47-48), while John Matsumoto and Frances Sablan came in tied at third place with identical net 72s (Matsumoto, 47-48 for a gross of 95 and Sablan 55-46 for a gross of 102).

Krishnan now joins the 2024 SGA Ace of Aces Tournament qualifiers Larry Deleon Guerrero (January), Alex Tudela (February), and Nick Sablan (March).

In the closest to the pin, Jung Eun Teack beat all comers on hole No. 4, while Ed Manibusan topped hole No. 6.

Tony Reyes and Nick Sablan then did the trick in holes No. 11 and 15, respectively.

Ed Sablan brought the lumber in the longest drive contest in hole No. 3, while Larry Deleon Guerrero did the same in hole No. 10.



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Tan will tear up the track first today in the Women's 10,000m run senior event, then will race in the 1,500m senior event tomorrow, and will cap it off with a 5,000m Senior race this Wednesday, June 5.

Team captain/coach Sapong

will then sprint her fastest in the Women's 100m sprint senior prelims tomorrow and the 200m senior prelims on Thursday.

Up-and-coming sprinters Rodgers and Cruz will have their time to shine in their events tomorrow and Thursday, June 6.

Rodgers will try to break his PBs in the men's 100m

and 200m sprint senior prelims, while Cruz is also out to set new PBs in the women's 100m and 200m sprint senior prelims.

Team NMI official Edward Dela Cruz headed out with Tan, Sapong, Rodgers, and Cruz to Fiji last Tuesday. Northern Marianas Athletics general secretary Robin Sapong is also in Fiji in his

capacity as Oceania Athletics president.

Dela Cruz said of the athletes, "We're very confident in them that they will be doing their best and aiming for a season's best or personal best over this championship. They have worked very hard here to qualify and get here and we cannot be prouder of them."

When asked how the team is doing, he said, "They are anxious and excited—for Rodgers and Cruz especially as this will be their first ever Oceania Championships."

He added, "Their mindset is focused solely on the competition and preparing for it each day. They'll be working with Zarinae to prepare for event days."

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lost to South Korea's Jun Hyuck Lee last Wednesday. With that experience, he said he learned that, "I have to be more stable to play against players from different countries."

For Wang, she garnered her first ITF points with a win over teammate Hannah Chae, 6-1, 6-2, also last Tuesday.

She said about getting her first ITF points, "I feel very happy and I look forward to playing in more ITF tournaments. I think I was very lucky at the same time because I got to play a player who's from here."

Wang then lost in the next round against Kitaoka last

Wednesday.

On the experience of playing in an ITF tourney, the 16-year-old Saipan International School student said, "It was a really good opportunity to actually watch the game with players from other countries. It was a really fun experience to watch them play and compete with them."

Yu and Wang now have 2 ITF points each.

No. 2 in the girls division, Dain "Dana" Lee, who lived on Saipan from when she was between 8 and 12 years old, said that the competition was good. She didn't make it to the main draw finals, but won the consolation finals against South Korea's Yura Kang, 4-1, 4-1, last Friday.



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Brothers Aidan Lam Meng Bart and Andre Lam Jun Bart, both left, are the boys doubles champion of the International Tennis Federation J30 Junior World Ranking Tournament after they took down Japan's Eita Suzuki and Mao Tazuru, right. They pose for a group photo during the awards ceremony at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan tennis courts last Sunday.

The 17-year-old incoming high school junior from Florida said of the tourney, "there

were a lot of good players here—talented players. It was actually fun playing with them

and I learned a lot as well."

Three weeks prior to this tourney, she competed in the Nicaragua ITF J60 and won the girls doubles event.

Fifty-five junior netters from the NMI, Guam, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, China, Australia, U.S., Great Britain, and Chinese-Taipei vied for ITF points.

An ITF J30 event is a junior event with 30 world ranking points for the winner. Players will play singles and doubles. It is the entry level event for emerging tennis players who are trying to acquire world ranking points to be accepted on the professional tour or win a scholarship to a U.S. college.

The last time an ITF J30 event was held on Saipan was in 2019.



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in 10 innings

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## Undefeated Team Marianas takes Mich Cup title



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Team Marianas poses for a group photo during the awards ceremony of the 2024 Michelob Ultra Cup last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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670 Rollers, champions of the 2024 Pokka Cup, poses for a group photo during the awards ceremony of the 2024 Michelob Ultra Cup last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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**U**ndefeated Team Marianas took home the 2024 Michelob Ultra Cup championship after they defeated New Chang Ming, 102-71, in the finals last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Team Marianas already had a deafening lead, 32-7, at the end of the first quarter and it only solidified from there.

First quarter's juggernauts of Preston Basa, Marvin Rabauliman, and



LEIGH GASES

Team Marianas' Airson Atan goes for a hook shot as he's fouled by New Chang Ming defenders during their finals game in the 2024 Michelob Ultra Cup last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Coby Santos set the tone for the rest of the game as they provided cover from all sides of the court. Before the second quarter, Basa had two threes, while Rabauliman

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## NMI athletes ready to take on OAC



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From left, NMI's Theodore Rodgers, team official Edward Dela Cruz Jr., Casey Cruz, team captain/coach Zarinae Sapong, and Tania Tan take a selfie at the HFC Bank Stadium in Suva, Fiji last Saturday during the 2024 Oceania Athletics Championships-Oceania Invitational Continental Tour Bronze.

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The NMI athletics delegation is in Suva, Fiji and is ready to take on the 2024 Oceania Athletics Championships.

The event started last June 1 and will end on June 8, but Team NMI's first events are set for today.

NMI's finest track stars Tania Tan, Zarinae Sapong, Theodore Rodgers, and Casey Cruz are gearing up for their events this week.

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## Do, Uemura clinch J30 champs

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Japan's Mutsumi Uemura and South Korea's Gyeom Do came out on top of their respective divisions in the International Tennis Federation J30 Junior World Ranking Tournament last Sunday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan tennis courts.

No. 4 seed Uemura of the girls division beat countrywoman Miku Kitaoka, 6-2, 6-3, in the girls singles finals on

No. 3 seed Do in the boys singles division, he outmatched No. 4 seed Japan's Mao Tazuru, 6-2, 6-0.



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Japan's Mutsumi Uemura fires a return during her finals matchup in the girls singles of the International Tennis Federation J30 Junior World Ranking Tournament last Sunday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan tennis courts.

a blazing hot Sunday morning.

Uemura bested the top seeds in the weeklong tourney that started last Tuesday and made her way to the finals after beating No. 2 seed Leanne Abouhamad of Australia in the semis last Saturday, 6-2, 6-1.

For No. 3 seed Do in the boys singles division, he outmatched No. 4 seed Japan's Mao Tazuru, 6-2, 6-0.

Do climbed his way to the

finals after he ousted No. 2 seed Japan's Eita Suzuki, 6-1, 6-4, in the semis last Saturday.

In the doubles finals last Saturday, brothers Aidan Lam Meng Bart and Andre Lam Jun Bart took down Japan's Suzuki and Tazuru, 6-2, 6-4, for the championship.

Also last Saturday in the girls doubles finals, Abouhamad and Uemura outlasted China's Peien Deng and



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Japan's Mutsumi Uemura and Australia's Leanne Abouhamad, both left, are the girls doubles champion after they beat China's Peien Deng and Japan's Miku Kitaoka in the International Tennis Federation J30 Junior World Ranking Tournament. They pose for a group photo during the awards ceremony at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan tennis courts last Saturday.

Kitaoka in a tough three-set matchup, 2-6, 6-4, 10-8, to win the title.

As for NMI's junior netters, they faced off against each other and also had the chance to play against players from nine other countries.

NMI's June Yu and Hoo Wang collected their first ITF points and they couldn't be happier.

Yu gained his first ITF points after he faced off against teammate Minsoo David Kwon in a tough three-set matchup, 1-6, 6-4, 4-3, last Tuesday. He said even though he got his first ITF points playing against his teammate, he felt happy that he had his first ITF points.

In Yu's next matchup, he See J30 on Page 15



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South Korea's Gyeom Do eyes a backhand return during his finals matchup in the boys singles of the International Tennis Federation J30 Junior World Ranking Tournament last Sunday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan tennis courts.